

April 26, 2007

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: 2.5 GHz Transition Initiation Plan for Marion, OH BTA (BTA 281)
WT Docket No. 06-136

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 27.1231(f) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 27.1231(f), American Telecasting of Columbus, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Sprint Nextel Corporation (collectively "Sprint Nextel") hereby submits this Initiation Plan to transition the Broadband Radio Service ("BRS") and Educational Broadband Service ("EBS") licensees in Basic Trading Area ("BTA") 281 – Marion, OH.¹ As indicated below, this Initiation Plan filing includes: (i) identification of the BTA being transitioned; (ii) a list by call sign of the BRS and EBS licensees in the BTA that is being transitioned; (iii) a "best estimate" of when the transition will be completed; (iv) a statement indicating that BTA 281 is being transitioned by Sprint Nextel, proposed proponent of adjacent BTA 095 (Columbus, OH) to avoid interference to licensees in that BTA; (v) a statement that there is no co-proponent; and (vi) a certification that Sprint Nextel has the funds available to pay the reasonable expected costs of the transition.

Section 27.1231(f)(1)(i), List of BTAs.

The BTA being transitioned is listed in Exhibit A.

Section 27.1231(f)(1)(ii), List of Transitioning Licensees.

A list by call sign of the BRS and EBS licensees in the BTA that is being transitioned is provided in Exhibit A.

Section 27.1231(f)(1)(iii), Best Estimate for Completion.

After evaluating the various factors at issue in transitioning these licensees, including the number of licensees being transitioned, Sprint Nextel's best estimate for completion of this transition is on or before April 30, 2008.

Section 27.1231(f)(1)(iv), Statement on Adjacent BTAs.

Sprint Nextel has determined that it is necessary to transition the single BRS/EBS licensee in BTA 281 along with the licensees in the adjacent Columbus, OH BTA 095 in order to avoid interference to the licensees in the Columbus, OH BTA. Our analysis shows that potential harmful interference to the transitioned licensees in BTA 095 may occur from operations in BTA 281.

¹ Sprint Nextel is eligible to serve as the proponent to transition this area under section 27.1231(c)(1) of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 27.1231(c). Sprint Nextel has also satisfied all necessary conditions for filing an Initiation Plan, including sending a Pre-Transition Data Request and a Transition Notice to the BRS and EBS licensee in the subject BTA. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 27.1231(d)-(e).

Section 27.1231(f)(1)(v), Statement on Co-Proponent.

Not applicable. Sprint Nextel is not transitioning this market jointly with a co-proponent.

Section 27.1231(f)(1)(vi), Certification of Funds.

Sprint Nextel certifies, based on the data collected through the Pre-Transition Data Requests, that it has sufficient funds available to pay the reasonable expected costs of the transition. As of December 31, 2006, as reported in Sprint Nextel's SEC Form 10-K, Sprint Nextel had total assets of \$97.161 billion.²

In the event you have any questions regarding the Initiation Plan, please contact the undersigned at (703) 433-4222.

Sincerely,

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² See Sprint Nextel Corporation Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 01, 2007.

EXHIBIT A

Sprint Nextel is transitioning the Marion, OH BTA. The following list sets forth, by call sign, all BRS and EBS licensees that are being transitioned pursuant to this Initiation Plan.

Call Sign	Licensee Name	BTA
B281	Hubbard Trust	Marion, OH